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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of  
Lubock et al.

Examiner: C. A. Marmor, II

Group Art Unit: 3736

For: DILATION DEVICES AND METHODS  
FOR REMOVING TISSUE SPECIMENS

Serial No.: 09/916,937

Filed: July 27, 2001

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED 03/10/2005

Atty. Docket No.: R0367-02600

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Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 7/27/05, to San Francisco, CA.

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Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

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# PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2000

Application or Docket Number

09/916937

## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	44	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	44 minus 20 =	24
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7 minus 3 =	4
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐ OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	355.00	OR	BASIC FEE	710.00
X\$ 9=	216.00	OR	X\$18=	
X40=	160.00	OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL	731.00	OR	TOTAL	

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	24	44	=
Independent	3	7	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total			=
Independent			=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total			=
Independent			=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

\* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."

\*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

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